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- 1. **AUTHORITY.** To approve regional geographic initiatives assistance agreements (i.e. grants and cooperative. agreements) for development, monitoring, public education, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, and studies related to the Regional Geographic Initiatives Program, to the extent authorized, under the following statutes:
 - a. Clean Water Act, Section 104;
 - b. Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1442;
 - c. Solid Waste Disposal Act, Section 8001;
 - d. Clean Air Act, Section 103;
 - e. Toxic Substances Control Act, Section 10;
 - f. Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Section 20;
 - g. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Sections 104 and 311;
 - h. Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act, Section 203;
 - i. Pollution Prevention Act, Section 6605; and
 - j. National Environmental Education Act, Section 6.

2. TO WHOM DELEGATED.

- a. Director, Air and Radiation Division.
- b. Director, Land, Chemical and Redevelopment Division.
- c. Director, Superfund and Emergency Management Division.
- d. Director, Water Division.

3. LIMITATIONS.

- a. This delegation is limited to the Regional Geographic Initiatives assistance agreements.
- b. The delegated officials must consult with the assistant administrator for the Office of Research and Development on any Regional Geographic Initiatives Program effort when resources from the Science and Technology appropriation are used.
- c. With respect to CERCLA Section 104 assistance, this authority may be exercised only for funding at sites that are contained within the funding levels approved by the assistant administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

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4. REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.

- a. This authority may be redelegated to the branch chief level, or equivalent.
- b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or with draw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.

5. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.

- a. 40 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Subchapter B, which provides EPA's regulations on Grants and Other Federal Assistance.
- b. 2 C.F.R. Part 200, OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; and 2 C.F.R. Part 1500, EPA's adoption and supplementation of the OMB uniform award requirements.
- c. Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, P.L. No. 95-224, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §6301 et seq.
- d. EPA Order series 5700, which provides EPA policies regarding assistance agreements.
- e. Delegation 1-14-A, Assistance Agreements, which delegates to officials in the Mission Support Division the authority to take all necessary actions to award, obligate and de-obligate funds for, and administer fellowship, grant, cooperative and loan agreements, and to make any final determinations required by law or regulations, with eligible recipients.

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